



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Gerhard PFEIFER et al.  
Serial No.: 10/002,539 Confirmation No.: 3274  
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For: APPARATUS FOR RECEIVING MICRODISSECTED  
SPECIMENS  
  
Art Unit: 1743  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 8, 2004

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 8, 2004 received in the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** being on page 6 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.